

PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE GEOGRAPHY DIVISION
for June 1959

A. Research and Technical Support Activity Completed During June

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Major effort of the Division on work reported complete was toward the NIS, with all deadlines for FY 59 having been met.

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The D/GG contribution to SNIE 11-5-59, Soviet Capabilities in Guided Missiles and Astronautics -- G/I 59-39 -- summarized the Soviet extent of its domestic geodetic and mapping system and the planned completion of the first-order geodetic net in Siberia. The extension of the Soviet net under mutual aid programs and their easy access to freely available geodetic and gravity data of the Free World will evolve into a Soviet world geodetic system. Estimates of Soviet geodetic positioning capability and their targeting accuracies, using available U.S. maps, were provided.

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Four members of the Europe Branch constituted a panel for the presentation on "Maps for Economic Intelligence" before the Satellites Committee, OMR. It was apparently well received, judging from the number and type of questions asked after the main talks. The Chairman of the Committee commended the group on the program, both at the time of the presentation. It is planned that the data presented may be used in an MR article.

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